ARMIN!
GET DOWN!
PAIN-FUL
IT HURTS

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CHAPTER 85 BASEMENT

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SA-SHA ?!
IT HURTS SO MUCH
OH
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EREN!
ALL THIS IS
HOW DID THIS HAP-PEN ...?
YOUR INJU-RIES ARE SO SEV-ERE ...

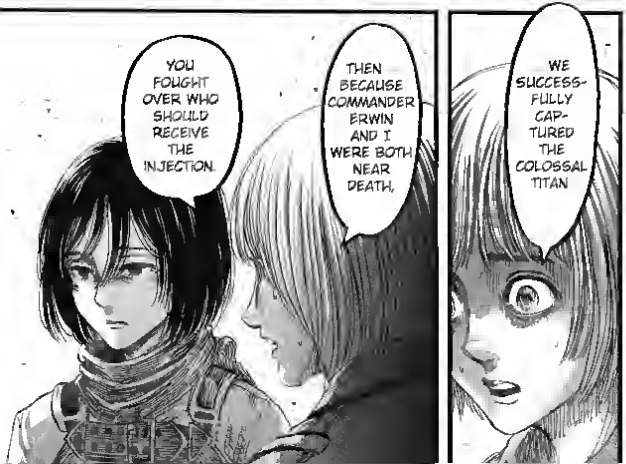
HUH?
YOU'RE FINALLY... ALIVE AGAIN
CAPTAIN
HE'S A-WAKE?

EREN
I FIGURED
HOW DID EVERYTHING GET TO THIS POINT? I CAN'T REMEMBER AT ALL
WHAT'S GOING ON?
EREN
YOU SHOULD TELL HIM EVERYTHING

DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW ARMIN?
SO?
YOU MEAN TO SAY ...
THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE SURVEY CORPS... ARE THE NINE OF US HERE?
THAT

...AS OF RIGHT NOW, THAT'S THE CASE.
IT'S BEEN FOUR HOURS SINCE THE BATTLE ENDED.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR MORE SURVIVORS. BUT TO NO AVAIL.

WE SUCCESSFULLY SEALED SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.
REINER, THE BEAST TITAN, AND ANOTHER ENEMY ESCAPED...


WE SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURED THE COLOSSAL TITAN
THEN BECAUSE COMMANDER ERWIN AND I WERE BOTH NEAR DEATH,
YOU FOUGHT OVER WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE INJECTION.

IN THE END, I TRANSFORMED INTO A TITAN,
AND I ATE BERTHOLT ...
ARGH!
WHY...?
WHY WAS I CHOSEN?

NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK OF IT...
IT SHOULD BE COMMAND-ER ERWIN SURVIV-ING!
DIDN'T I SAY TO TELL HIM EVERY-THING?
CAP-TAIN!
WHY DID YOU INJECT ME?!
AT THE VERY LEAST
THESE TWO CLOSE FRIENDS OF YOURS DIDN'T THINK THE SAME WAY
THEY EVEN CLASHED WITH ME, CAUSING INJURY
HUH?
WE'RE BOTH WILLING TO FACE ANY PUNISH-MENT WE'RE GIVEN
OF COURSE VIOLAT-ING MILITARY ORDERS WILL LEAD TO DISCI-PLINE
BUT DO YOU THINK A WILLING-NESS TO ACCEPT IT MEANS YOU CAN DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT?

THIN, AGAIN ...
...OF COURSE NOT
NO... MY PERSONAL FEELINGS DECIDED THIS WOULD BE ERWIN'S BURIAL GROUND.
...THE ONE WHO MADE THE FINAL CHOICE WAS ME
HOW CAN THE COMMAND-ER DIE?
...I DON'T UNDER-STAND THIS.
...
WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?
THEN WE...
WITHOUT COMMAND-ER ERWIN,

THAT INJECTING ERWIN WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.
I ALSO BELIEVE...
BUT LEVI WAS THE ONE TO WHOM ERWIN ENTRUSTED THE SERUM,
AND LEVI CHOSE YOU.
HENCE, I DON'T HAVE MUCH ELSE TO SAY
SO WE ENTRUST ERWIN'S LEGACY,
AND THE POWER OF A TITAN,
TO YOU.

ARMIN.
I EXPECT THAT YOU WILL HAVE EVEN GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMANITY.
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS, YOU ALREADY HAVE THIS ROLE.
COMMANDER ERWIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES?
HAVE TO CARRY
I...
I...
HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

DON'T GET ME WRONG
YOU CANNOT REPLACE ERWIN.
HOW-EVER...
YOU DO POSSESS A POWER OTHERS LACK.
LIST-EN UP.
DON'T LET ANYONE REGRET THEIR DECI-SION
NOT ME.
NOT THESE TWO
OR ANY-ONE ELSE.

FEEL ANY RE-GRETS, EITHER.
THAT IS YOUR MISSION.
AND DON'T LET YOUR-SELF...
MMPH
SO NOISY

ALSO
WE'VE BEEN SCOLDED BY SASHA.
HA HA HA.
AT THIS POINT,
WE CAN ONLY STAY DETERMINED.
SO MY POSITION IS SIMILAR TO YOURS.
I HAVE TO INHERIT ERWIN'S POSITION AS COMMANDER.
ALL RIGHT.
WE SHOULD HEAD OUT.
NOW THAT ARMIN IS FINE,
IN THAT CASE,

LEVI, MIKASA, EREN AND I WILL GO INVESTIGATE.
THE FOUR OF YOU SHOULD STAY HERE AND CAREFULLY OBSERVE OUR SURROUNDINGS.
EREN.
YOU STILL HAVE THE KEY, RIGHT?
YES.
IT'S RIGHT HERE

GOOD THING THE FIRE DIDN'T REACH THIS AREA
IS THAT THE HOUSE?

THAT'S RIGHT.
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WHY CAN'T I GO INTO THE BASE-MENT?
YOUR FATHER STORED MANY IMPORT-ANT TOOLS THERE FOR WORK

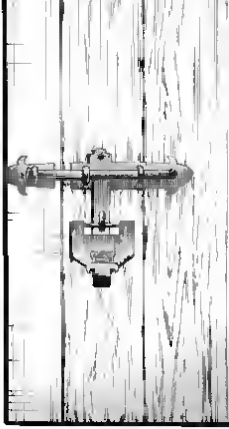
HEY, DAD...
WHEN WILL YOU TAKE ME INTO THE BASE-MENT?
ABOUT THAT...
MAYBE I WILL, WHEN YOU DISCOVER THE THING MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.
...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

OH GOOD
NO RAIN-WATER LEAKED INSIDE THERE

LET'S GO DOWN.
EREN.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE?
I DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK INSIDE THESE WALLS MY WHOLE LIFE
NOT KNOWING WHAT THE WORLD IS LIKE OUT THERE!

WAIT, DEAR!
YOU SHOULD DIS-COURAGE HIM!
CARLA
HUMAN CURIOS-ITY...
IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN SUPPRESS WITH MERE WORDS

WHEN I RE-TURN ...
EREN...
I'LL LET YOU SEE WHAT'S IN THE
BASE-MENT.



OPEN IT.

ARGH!
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HURRY UP
EREN?
WHAT IS IT?
THIS KEY...

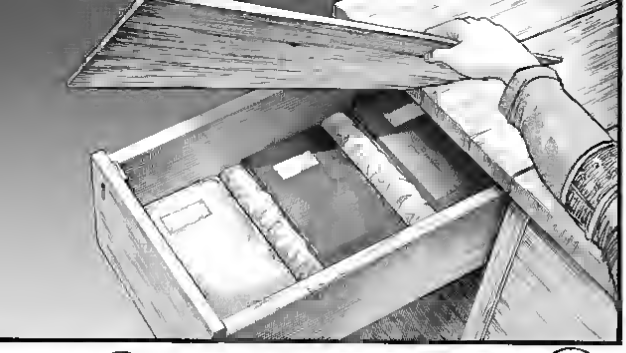
DOES NOT OPEN THIS DOOR.
THIS KEY...
THAT DR. JAEGER LAR RIED.
HOW CAN THAT BE?
THAT IS THE VERY SAME KEY
OUT OF THE WAY.
I'LL OPEN THE DOOR.

WAIT A SEC OND
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DO- ING?!

HMMM... IF WHAT'S IN THESE BOTTLES CORRESPONDS TO THEIR LABELS, THEN THEY'RE JUST MEDICINES
THE BOOKS ARE ALL RELATED TO MEDICINE
IT LOOKS LIKE ANY NORMAL OFFICE THAT SOMEONE LIKE DR. JAEGER WOULD HAVE...
"THERE ARE NO SUSPICIOUS DETAILS WHAT-SO-EVER..."
THIS ROOM REALLY SEEMS TO BE EMPHASIZING THAT POINT.
TRUE... LOOKING AT IT ON THE SURFACE, YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING THAT WOULD ALARM THE MILITARY POLICE
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU BRATS.
ERWIN'S INTUITION WOULDN'T BE WRONG

YES, SIR!
!
...EREN.
THERE IS...
A KEY-HOLE HERE.

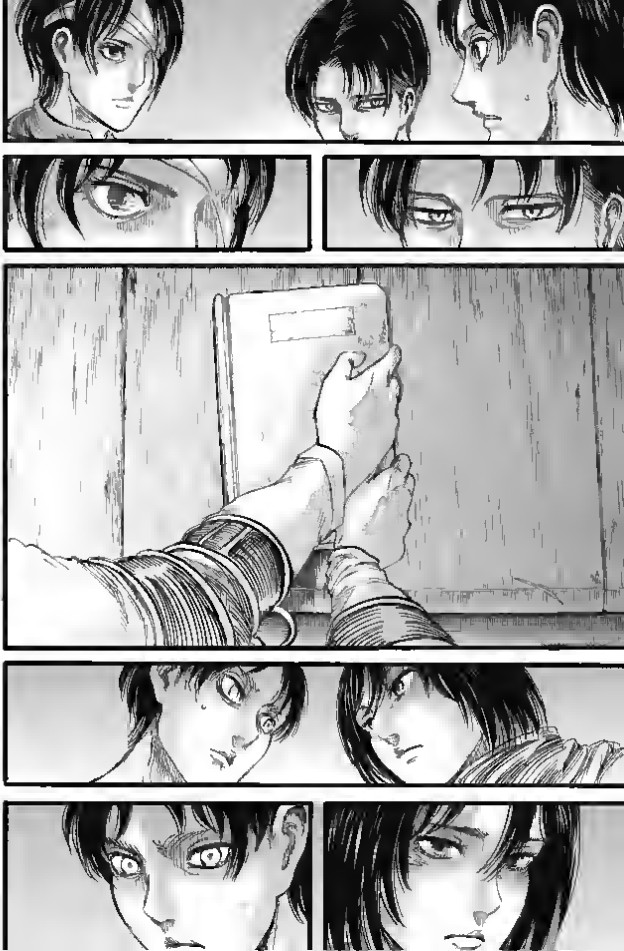
IT'S OPEN
LOOK CLOSER.
THERE ARE TWO LAYERS AT THE BOTTOM.
...IT'S EMPTY?!



THESE MUST BE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.
THERE ARE THREE BOOKS HERE.

WERE THEY TREATED TO PREVENT MOISTURE AND PESTS?
THERE'S AN ODOR OF MINT OIL AND CHARCOAL.

WANT ME TO SEE?
MY FATHER
WHAT DID...



ERWIN ONCE ASKED ME THIS:
"THE FACT THAT NO HUMANS EXIST OUTSIDE THE WALLS.. "
"HOW EXACTLY DID WE DETER-MINE THAT?"
HE SAID THAT, SINCE WE CAN'T MOVE AROUND FREELY OUTSIDE,
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY CONCLUDE THAT ALL HUMANS OUT THERE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY TITANS?

IF THE BOOKS WERE TRULY OBJECTIVE, THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE "THEY *HAVE LIKELY* ALL BEEN EATEN"
BUT THE HISTORY BOOKS STATED SO CLEARLY "THEY *HAVE* ALL BEEN EATEN"
FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE *MONARCHY*, WHICH DISTRIBUTED THE BOOKS, WANTED HUMANITY TO BELIEVE THAT
"NO OTHER HUMANS SURVIVED OUTSIDE"
THIS MEANS THERE WAS AN *AGENDA* BEHIND THIS BIASED CONCLUSION
AT THIS POINT ...
BUT NOW ...
I EVEN TEASED HIM ABOUT SAYING SUCH NONSENSE ALL THE TIME
"HE'S OVERTHINKING IT."
WHEN I HEARD ERWIN SAY THIS AT FIRST I THOUGHT

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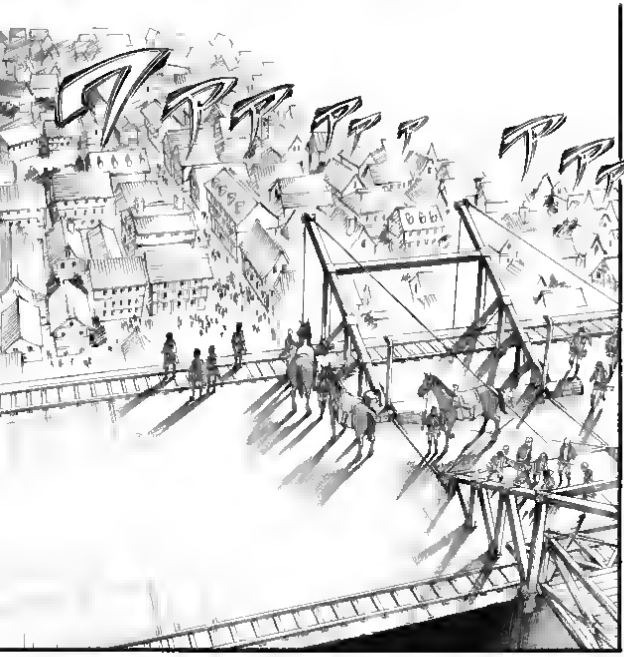
IF THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL, THEY SHOULD BE ON THEIR WAY BACK
IT'S NEARLY DAWN...
WE MUST APOLOGIZE TO HIM IN PERSON THEN
HAS RE-TURNED!
THE SURVEY CORPS
WE WERE VIC-TOR-IOUS!
WE TOOK BACK WALL MARIA!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IS THIS ...
A PAINTED PORTRAIT?
IT'S TOO DETAILED TO HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY HUMAN HANDS
THE BACK OF THAT PIECE OF PAPER CONTAINED MY FATHER'S WORDS.
"THIS IS NOT A PAINTING."

"I COME FROM OUTSIDE THE WALLS, WHERE LIFE IS HARMONIUS FOR HUMANITY."
"THIS WAS CREATED USING THE REFLECTION OF LIGHT ON A SPECIAL MATERIAL. IT'S CALLED A PHOTOGRAPH."
"IN REALITY, HUMANS ARE NOT EXTINCT AT ALL."
THESE DECLARATIONS REFLECT THE TRUTH.

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